

THE MODEL "AMY TURNER"

This is a full-rigged perfect model of the Bark Amy Turner. Built by Ernest Wadsworth of Duxbury, Massachusetts, U. S. A. It took him nine years, part time, or seventeen hundred hours to build her. Everything is done by hand. There are no knots in the ropes for they are all spliced. It took three quarters of an hour to make one block and there are about three hundred fifty (350) of them. There are ten planks on the side. Each plank has one hundred fifty-two (152) brass screws. He finished this Model at the age of 78 years old in the year 1935. He died in June 1936 at the age of 79 years.

The original Amy Turner was built in East Boston, Mass. in 1877 sailing the same year with Captain Newell of Duxbury, Mass. as Master. Mr. Ernest Wadsworth was the ships Carpenter at the age of 21 year. She carried a mixed cargo around Cape Horn to Honolulu and far East.

Mr. Wadsworth made two trips on the Amy Turner. The second trip coming to New Bedford with a cargo of oil. He left the boat for a position as Customs House Officer in the Sandwich Islands in the year of 1879.

There is a book by Dr. L. Vernon Briggs called "Around Cape Horn to Honolulu on the Bark Amy Turner". She sailed the high seas until November 1917 when she took fire carrying a cargo of oil and sank in Wellington Harbor New Zealand. She was raised, and in March 1918 was sailing again. The Cordage Company of North Plymouth, Mass. offered to buy her to carry a cargo of hemp from New Zealand to San Francisco, but the insurance was so heavy they gave up the idea.

The Amy Turner went down bravely with her sails set in a hurricane in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Guam. The Captain Neil Neilson and his wife went down with her hand in hand refusing to leave the ship.

This boat is being exhibited by H. J. Klasky, Plymouth Trading Post, 26 Union St., Plymouth, Mass.